Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claim(s) 1-14 without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Cancelled)

- 15. (New) Die-cast shielding cage determined by a plurality of walls and comprising one or more integrated or integral mounting tails adapted for mounting said shielding cage to a circuit board, wherein said mounting tails are flexible.
- 16. (New) Die-cast shielding cage according to claim 15, wherein the shielding cage comprises receiving structures adapted to integrate said integrated mounting tails.
- 17. (New) Die-cast shielding cage according to claim 16, wherein the receiving structure is adapted to receive a metal strip having one or more of said mounting tails.
- 18. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 16, wherein said mounting tails are sheet metal SMT tails.
- 19. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 15, wherein at least one of said walls comprises an insertion stop structure.
- 20. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 19, wherein said insertion stop structure is provided outside the region of said mounting tail.

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- 21. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 15, wherein at least one of said walls comprises at least one positioning pillar.
- 22. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 15, wherein said shielding cage is made of a diecast material having a thermal expansion coefficient substantially equal to the thermal expansion coefficient of the circuit board.
- 23. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 22, wherein said die-cast material is brass.
- 24. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 23, wherein said shielding cage comprises a plurality of extensions on one or more of said walls projecting towards said circuit board along a perimeter of said shielding cage.
- 25. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 15, wherein said shielding cage is adapted for covering a header and comprises a structure adapted for receiving attachment means of a cable connector to be connected to said header.
- 26. (New) Die-cast shielding cage determined by a plurality of walls and comprising one or more integrated or integral mounting tails adapted for mounting said shielding cage to a circuit board, wherein said mounting tails are flexible to provide relief of shear stress developing as a result of the difference of thermal expansion coefficient between the circuit board and the die cast shielding cage.
- 27. (New) Die-cast shielding cage according to claim 26, wherein the shielding cage comprises receiving structures adapted to integrate said integrated mounting tails.

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- 28. (New) Die-cast shielding cage according to claim 27, wherein the receiving structure is adapted to receive a metal strip having one or more of said mounting tails.
- 29. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 27, wherein said mounting tails are sheet metal SMT tails.
- 30. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 26, wherein at least one of said walls comprises an insertion stop structure.
- 31. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 30, wherein said insertion stop structure is provided outside the region of said mounting tail.
- 32. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 26, wherein at least one of said walls comprises at least one positioning pillar.
- 33. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 26, wherein said shielding cage is made of a diecast material having a thermal expansion coefficient substantially equal to the thermal expansion coefficient of the circuit board.
- 34. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 33, wherein said die-cast material is brass.
- 35. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 34, wherein said shielding cage comprises a plurality of extensions on one or more of said walls projecting towards said circuit board along a perimeter of said shielding cage.
- 36. (New) Shielding cage according to claim 26, wherein said shielding cage is adapted for covering a header and comprises

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a structure adapted for receiving attachment means of a cable connector to be connected to said header.

37. (New) Die-cast shielding cage determined by a plurality of walls and comprising one or more integrated or integral mounting tails adapted for mounting said shielding cage to a circuit board, wherein said mounting tails are flexible for relief of the push/pull forces developing as a result of different thermal expansion coefficient between the circuit board and the die cast shielding cage.